

ABLECHILDAFRICA PARTNERSHIP CALL – MALAWI AND ZAMBIA

About Us

AbleChildAfrica's mission is **to promote the realisation of equal rights for children with disabilities and their families in Africa and to facilitate their meaningful inclusion in all aspects of life.** We believe in the social model of disability and through our work seek to break down the multiple and complex barriers to inclusion that children with disabilities in Africa face. We deliver a wide range of projects including inclusive sports, inclusive education at ECE and Primary Level alongside advocacy projects that seek to engage civil society networks in disability inclusion or that encourage the inclusion of children and youth with disabilities in SDG implementation.

Our partnership approach is extremely important to us and our strategy outlines a commitment to work alongside partner organisations in Africa to deliver our mission.

We believe the quality of our delivery depends on being grounded in local context and that we achieve the greatest impact through strong partnerships.

In addition to delivering services with local partners, we work hard to ensure that our partnerships are mutually beneficial and that both organisations have an opportunity to become stronger as a result of our work together. This is a distinct objective outlined in our strategy and forms a core part of the work that we do.

What We Are Looking For

Looking forward, AbleChildAfrica hopes to expand its reach and to do this seeks to form new long-term partnerships with organisations. For the current call, we are looking for organisations based in **Malawi** and **Zambia**. We feel these countries best represent the geography of our current partnership portfolio and where we can have the most impact.

We are therefore seeking to partner with **registered local non-governmental organisations** that have **ambitions or current commitments to improve the lives of children and young people with disabilities in Malawi and Zambia.**

We are looking for organisations who share our approach. We want to work with organisations that prioritise breaking down social barriers to inclusion as opposed to focusing on medical interventions, that strive to work with those who are hardest to reach and that are willing to look for creative solutions to the most difficult problems.

Most importantly, we are looking for organisations that genuinely value long-term international partnerships. We want to work with organisations that share our belief that strong partnerships can do more than deliver good work but can also support the organisational development of one another for high quality sustainable impact.

Selection of organisations will be based on the above criteria and will consider where AbleChildAfrica can best add value.

What We Mean By Partnership

Simply put, our partnerships seek to deliver quality programmes for the benefit and inclusion of children with disabilities whilst working together to build the capacity of each other's organisations.

A new partner would work with us to identify barriers in their local context, design and seek funding opportunities for programmes for children with disabilities and invest their time in the capacity building of both our organisations.

A partnership with AbleChildAfrica will not lead to direct funding from our organisation. We do not accept funding applications for our partners but instead work together to design and deliver the work that is important to both of us.

We expect our partnerships to be lifelong; with our relationship only ending when it no longer deemed mutually beneficial or appropriate.

We are a small programmes team with 5 active partnerships; splitting our time and resource between all our partners. New partners will become part of the wider AbleChildAfrica partnership network and will be encouraged to share expertise and engage with other organisations we partner with.

What Is the Process to Become A Partner?

AbleChildAfrica aims to keep our partnership application process simple and transparent. We don't want to ask organisations to fill in complicated application forms but instead want organisations to submit a 2-sided Expression of Interest (EOI). Following this, we want to speak to organisations, so we can both understand if a potential partnership between us could be mutually beneficial.

Before submitting an EOI, organisations should ensure they meet the following criteria:

- Your organisation is a non-governmental organisation or body in Malawi or Zambia (e.g. as Local NGO, CBO, seeking registration etc.).
- You are not representing an individual or Government Body
- Your organisation works with children and/or young people with disabilities as a key target group (0-25 years)
- Your organisation wants to work in a long-term partnership
- Leadership of your organisation has read AbleChildAfrica's Partnership Model and by submitting an expression of interest, you agree with the expectations of both parties set out in this document

Your expression of interest should be no longer than 2 sides and must include the following information:

- Basic information about the organisation including; name, age of organisation, registration details, size, and location
- Outline the key objectives of the organisation
- Provide examples of the type of work that you currently deliver or have ambitions to deliver
- Clearly provide an explanation of why a partnership with AbleChildAfrica would be beneficial

Please send all EOI's to info@ablechildafrica.org.uk

Summary of the Process

Stage	Action	Duration
Eligibility Checklist and EOI	Complete Eligibility Checklist and submit and EOI	2 - 3 weeks for a response
Exploration Stage	Further exploration; initial conversation with leadership of the organisation, organisational capacity assessment, possible visit from AbleChildAfrica	3 - 4 months
Pilot Project	Further development; identifying areas for collaborative working, designing and applying for funding for pilot project.	3 - 6months
Full Partnership	Agree long term partnership	12 - 18 months from initial EOI

Before proceeding please download and review our Partnership Model.